

District Three Planning Committee

City of Fresno
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2009

The Meeting was called to order at 5:34 by Crystal Jackson, Vice Chair

Present:

Crystal Jackson, Vice Chair
Abe Lopez
Margie Reisz
Charles Dowling
Marlin Keeling
Jim Tate Hill, Chair (arrived at 5:41 pm)

Members Absent:

Debbie Darden

Others Present:

Paul McLain, Tom Izzo, William Dyke and two special guests were present also with Gregory Barfield, staff to the committee.

Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2009:

MOTION / Reisz SECONDED / Dowling to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009 with a minor correction on Page 2 of 4. PASSES

Review of Projects:

Request for Comments on 1815 East California, Prior to Submission

Paul McLain applicant from the Fresno County EOC, Local Conservation Corps (LCC), provided an overview of the Site Plan and CUP from 2003. Currently the LCC is proposes to change the use part of one of the already approved buildings to include an indoor recycling facility for glass, cans, bottles and paper. The LCC is required by the State of California to operate such a program.

Questions focused on why put the facility here, the amount of material that will be collected, vehicle access to and from the site, shift start/ stop times, noise levels and the relationship between the facility and the residential neighborhood.

Mr. McLain addressed these issues adding that this facility replaces a much smaller one, and the material is only cans, bottles, and paper and that they are not a redemption (collection) facility that people come in and deposit their items but that they pick up and provide educational opportunities for non-profits, government offices and schools to recycle, reduce, and reuse. The pick up after Fresno State football games as well as Fresno Grizzlies games.

Comments from the committee members focused on ensuring the landscaping provides a buffer from the street, and the residential areas to the north and west (proposed multi-family units). Request that the facility look and be green.

The Committee requests that the applicant include the proper landscaping buffer including trees on the northern and western side of the project.

S-09-06 702-764 P Street

Will Dyck, applicant and owner provided an overview of the Warehouse Row project. 764 P is currently occupied. All buildings have not been occupied for over 40 years. Mr. Dyck reviewed his plan for each building and the one building that had to be torn down due to structural concerns a few months ago. He further focused on the work done to date in conjunction with the Redevelopment Agency and the Historic Preservation Commission.

MOTION / Jackson and SECONDED / Keeling to Approve S-09-06
PASSES

PA 08-027 and C-08-260 for a 6 block area bounded by Inyo Avenue on the north, Van Ness on the east, Ventura Avenue on the south & H Street on the west.

Mr. Barfield the staff to the committee, reviewed that this project has had several meeting discussions and presentations and that the committee needed to make a recommendation based on the prior reviews of the application and the EIR. A few clarifying points were asked including the status of the Options (only B is available as it includes the findings of the Historical resources based on the previous review).

Further questions about the traffic flow at Mono at Van Ness were also discussed. It looks like the area on the north end of the mall at Merced and Van Ness. The committee also voiced concerns with the financial cost and impact the economy may have on the project and the company proposing the project. A question regarding the status of the Oakland project was asked and confirmed that project is completed and much of the team working on that project were involved in that project.

MOTION/ Jackson SECONDED/ Keeling to approve Option B as submitted
PASSES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009

MOTION / Keeling SECONDED / Resiz to select the current officers Mr. Hill as Chair, and Ms. Jackson as Vice Chair for another term. Mr. Hill asked if anyone else wanted to be nominated. There were no others who spoke up and a vote was taken

PASSES

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm